



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 10, 2006

H.R. 5323

Proud to Be an American Citizen Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 29, 2006

H.R. 5323 would authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide funding to nonprofit entities to organize ceremonies for administering oaths of allegiance to persons whose applications for naturalization have been approved. The bill would require these ceremonies to be held on or near July 4 each year and would limit funding for each ceremony to \$5,000.

Based on information from DHS, CBO expects that the department would support less than 100 such ceremonies annually. Thus, we estimate that implementing H.R. 5323 would increase direct spending by less than \$500,000 annually, from adjudication fees currently collected by DHS. Such fees are recorded as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). Enacting this legislation would not affect revenues.

H.R. 5323 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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